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SUBJECT: FONMIN'S MOSCOW VISIT

1. IN COURSE OF GENERAL DISCUSSION ON FEB. 16 OF GOI SCHEDULING OVER NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, CHARGE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO ASK MFA SEC GEN PETUR THORSTEINSSON WHETHER VISIT TO MOSCOW BY FONMIN AGUSTSSON HAD BEEN RESET. WILL BE RECALLED VISIT WAS SCHEDULED FOR THIS MONTH BUT WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF GROMYKO TRIP TO MID-EAST. THORSTEINSSON SAID IT WAS TENTATIVELY SET FOR EARLY APRIL BUT EXACT DATES REMAIN TO BE AGREED. SAID FONMIN HAD BEEN "VERY ANNOYED" OVER POSTPONEMENT, BECAUSE WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD REASON FOR IT, HE WAS OFFENDED AT THE WAY IT WAS DONE. IT SEEMS GOI LEARNED ABOUT IT FROM NEWSPAPERS AND WHEN SOVIETS THEN TOLD THEM, IT WAS DONE IN MANNER WHICH ICELANDERS CONSIDERED BRUSQUE AND SLIGHTING.

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2. LATER SAME DAY IN COURSE OF GENERAL CONVERSATION ABOUT TRAVEL

AND VACATIONS, CHARGE ASKED FONMIN IF HE STILL PLANNED TO VISIT
MOSCOW. AGUSTSSON REPEATED APRIL TIMING BUT SAID IN TONE WHICH
CLEARLY INDICATED STRONG FEELING, "IF IT GETS POSTPONED AGAIN,
I WON'T GO. AFTER ALL, I HAVE ENOUGH INVITATIONS TO OTHER
COUNTRIES AND DON'T NEED THAT ONE."
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